

MINUTES OF THE
MAG MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
June 14, 2006
MAG Office Building - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ed Beasley, Glendale, Chair	Darryl Crossman, Litchfield Park
Jan Dolan, Scottsdale, Vice Chair	Christopher Brady, Mesa
# George Hoffman, Apache Junction	Tom Martinsen, Paradise Valley
Charlie McClendon, Avondale	Carl Swenson for Terry Ellis, Peoria
Carroll Reynolds, Buckeye	Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix
* Jon Pearson, Carefree	John Kross, Queen Creek
Usama Abujbarah, Cave Creek	* Bryan Meyers, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Patrice Kraus, Chandler	Indian Community
* B.J. Cornwall, El Mirage	Doug Sandstrom for Jim Rumpeltes, Surprise
* Orlando Moreno, Fort McDowell	Amber Wakeman for Will Manley, Tempe
Yavapai Nation	John P. Lopez for Reyes Medrano, Tolleson
Tim Pickering, Fountain Hills	+ Shane Dille, Wickenburg
* Lynn Farmer, Gila Bend	* Vince Micallef, Youngtown
Joseph Manuel, Gila River	John Pein for Victor Mendez, ADOT
Indian Community	Mike Sabatini for David Smith,
George Pettit, Gilbert	Maricopa County
Stephen Cleveland, Goodyear	David Boggs, Valley Metro/RPTA
Mark Johnson, Guadalupe	

* Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

Participated by telephone conference call.

+ Participated by videoconference call.

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ed Beasley at 12:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Beasley asked all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance and honor the flag of the United States on Flag Day.

Chair Beasley announced that Shane Dille was attending via videoconference, and George Hoffman was attending via teleconference. He introduced the Interim Town Manager for Queen Creek, John Kross.

Chair Beasley stated that transit tickets were available from Valley Metro/RPTA for those using transit to come to the meeting. Parking validation was available from MAG staff for those who parked in the parking garage.

Chair Beasley stated that for agenda item #4I, the Social Service Block Grant Revised Allocation recommendations were at each place. Chair Beasley noted that for agenda items #4F and #5, the backup materials for these two items were inadvertently switched in the agenda packet.

3. Call to the Audience

Chair Beasley stated that Call to the Audience provides an opportunity to the public to address the Management Committee on items that are not on the agenda that are within the jurisdiction of MAG, or non-action agenda items that are on the agenda for discussion or information only. Chair Beasley noted that those wishing to comment on agenda items posted for action will be provided the opportunity at the time the item is heard. Public comments have a three minute time limit and there is a timer to help the public with their presentations. Chair Beasley stated that for members of the audience who wish to speak, comment cards were available from the staff.

Chair Beasley noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

4. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chair Beasley stated that public comment would be heard before action was taken on the consent items. Each speaker is provided with a total of three minutes to comment on the consent agenda. After hearing public comments, any member of the Committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually. Chair Beasley stated that agenda items #4A, #4B, #4C, #4D, #4E, #4F, #4G, #4H, #4I, #4J, #4K, and #4L were on the consent agenda. There were no requests to hear an item individually.

Mr. McClendon moved to recommend approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Pettit seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4A. Approval of May 10, 2006 Meeting Minutes

The Management Committee, by consent, approved the May 10, 2006 meeting minutes.

4B. Consultant Selection for the MAG Regional Traffic Volume Survey

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of United Civil Group Corporation to conduct the MAG Regional Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$109,915. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes funding to conduct traffic counts for arterials in the MAG urbanized area. MAG has produced traffic count maps every two to four years since 1974. The previous map was produced using 2002 counts. A Request for Proposals was advertised to perform traffic counts to assist in the creation of a 2006 map and three proposals were received in response. A multi-jurisdictional review team evaluated the proposals and recommended to MAG that United

Civil Group Corporation be selected to conduct the Regional Traffic Volume Survey for an amount not to exceed \$109,915.

4C. Consultant Contract for Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART)

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval to enter into contract negotiations with University of Washington to create AZ-SMART for an amount not to exceed \$275,000. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget contains a work element that includes the enhancement of existing MAG socioeconomic models. The objective of this project is to ensure premier modeling activities at MAG through the development of the Arizona Socioeconomic Modeling, Analysis and Reporting Toolbox (AZ-SMART) modeling suite. A Request for Qualifications was advertised and three statements of qualifications were received. A multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the responses and recommended to MAG that the University of Washington undertake the development of AZ-SMART for an amount not to exceed \$275,000. To develop the toolbox, the Pima Association of Governments is contributing \$75,000 for the project.

4D. Consultant Selection for the MAG Internal Truck Travel Survey and Truck Model Development Project

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the selection of Cambridge Systematics, Inc., to conduct the Internal Truck Travel Survey and Truck Model Development project for an amount not to exceed \$350,000. The FY 2006 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget includes funding to conduct an internal truck travel survey, with associated travel demand model improvements. A Request for Proposals was advertised and three responses were received. On May 19, 2006, a multi-agency evaluation team reviewed the proposals and recommended to MAG that Cambridge Systematics, Inc. be selected to complete the Internal Truck Travel Survey and Truck Model Development project for an amount not to exceed \$350,000.

4E. Conformity Consultation

The Maricopa Association of Governments is conducting consultation on a conformity assessment for an amendment to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program. The proposed amendment includes changes to existing projects in the TIP as part of the Federal FY 2006 Interim Year End Closeout. In addition, the Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that a new Quiet Pavement (rubberized asphalt) project be added to the FY 2006 program. The amendment includes minor project revisions that do not require a conformity determination. Comments on the conformity assessment are requested by June 23, 2006. This item was on the agenda for consultation.

4F. Changes to the Approved January 25, 2006 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) Policies and Procedures

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the proposed changes to the previously approved January 25, 2006 ALCP Policies and Procedures. A number of technical

corrections need to be made to the ALCP Policies and Procedures. The proposed changes have been discussed with MAG member agencies at an ALCP Working Group meeting, which was held on April 25, 2006. On May 25, 2006, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of the proposed changes.

4G. ADOT Request for a Quiet Pavement Project

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval that a previously deferred Quiet Pavement project be initiated in FY 2006 in the amount of \$9.3 million. The Arizona Department of Transportation has requested that a previously deferred Quiet Pavement project (rubberized asphalt) be added to the FY 2006 program. The project would combine \$4.1 million of FY 2006 funds with \$5.2 million of funds that are programmed for the Quiet Pavement program in FY 2007. The FY 2007 funds were originally programmed for FY 2006, but were moved to the next fiscal year to balance the program cash flow. Due to the delay of two months in the advertisement of the construction bid for the Jomax Road/Dixileta interchange at I-17 due to a right of way acquisition issue, these funds are now available this fiscal year. This change would allow the design work for the rubberized asphalt paving of I-10 from 67th Avenue to Dysart Road to move forward this fiscal year so that the paving could begin during the fall of 2006. This item is on the June 14, 2006 Management Committee agenda for action.

4H. Designation of Recipient for Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom Funds

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval that the City of Phoenix be recommended by ADOT to the Governor's Office as the designated recipient for JARC and New Freedom funds for the region. On May 11, 2006, MAG received a formal request from the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) to recommend the City of Phoenix be designated by the Governor as the recipient of Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and New Freedom funds for the region. ADOT needs to recommend a recipient to the Governor in order for these funds to be drawn down for FY 2006. This action is required by new SAFETEA-LU regulations. The City of Phoenix is the current recipient of JARC funds and has requested to continue this responsibility. This memorandum was presented to inform the committee of this request and to request that the City of Phoenix be recommended to the Governor's Office as the recipient of JARC and New Freedom funds. On May 25, 2006, the Transportation Review Committee recommended approval of this item.

4I. Social Service Block Grant Revised Allocation Recommendations

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the revised allocation recommendations for the Social Service Block Grant FY 2007. In May 2006, the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) notified MAG that the Department of Health and Human Services is requiring revised allocation recommendations reflecting a 19.722 percent cut proposed at the federal level. The Social Service Block Grant Program (SSBG) currently provides more than \$4 million to non-profit agencies in this region. The funds support programs assisting people in four target groups, adults, families and children; elderly, persons with disabilities and persons with developmental disabilities. While DES contracts directly with agencies to make these services available, the allocation recommendations are made by MAG.

In response to the requirement for a revised plan, on June 8, 2006, the MAG Human Services Technical Committee met to develop recommendations for how the proposed reduction in funding should be applied to the four target groups and services. The Committee's recommendations were provided to the Management Committee.

4J. Elderly Mobility Sign Project

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the Elderly Mobility Sign Project and to exchange MAG federal funds for City of Phoenix funds to expedite the implementation of the project. MAG currently has a federally funded project totaling \$400,000 in the FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Program and Annual Budget to fund Elderly Mobility Signage. This project, recommended by the Elderly Mobility Stakeholders, the MAG Safety Committee and the Transportation Review Committee, will provide funding for local jurisdictions to implement a street sign project according to the Federal Highway Administration Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians. Funding is available for the production costs of the signs, including materials, extra posts, mounting brackets, and costs for Clearview font software. Funds are not provided for any installation costs. There will be a two-year time frame for cities and towns to complete the installation of the signs and participate in an evaluation of the efforts of this project. The MAG federal funds for this project will be exchanged for City of Phoenix funds to expedite the implementation of the project.

4K. 2005 Census Survey Update

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the additional 2005 Census Survey costs for a total estimated cost of \$8.1 million. On May 24, 2006, the fieldwork to verify data collected in the 2005 Census Survey was completed. Since all the data have been collected, it is now being processed, reviewed and analyzed. It is anticipated that the Census Bureau will issue a final set of numbers by June 30, 2006. In a February 2006 memorandum to the Management Committee and Regional Council, it was noted that in addition to the original census cost estimate of \$7.5 million, additional costs of \$600,000 were incurred for the local census office, media campaign and a Census Bureau cost increase. The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has agreed that MAG FHWA funds may be used for 50 percent of the additional costs. It is anticipated that the total costs for the 2005 Census Survey will not exceed the total estimated cost of \$8.1 million. Final cost allocation will be based upon the 2005 Census Survey final results. The MAG Census Survey Oversight Subcommittee recommended approval of the additional costs.

4L. Federal Fiscal Year 2006 MAG Federal Funds Interim Closeout and Amendments/Adjustments to the FY 2006-2010 MAG Transportation Improvement Program and FY 2006 and FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets

The Management Committee, by consent, recommended approval of the interim closeout of Federal FY 2006, as shown in the attached Tables and recommended amending/adjusting the FY 2006-2010 MAG TIP and the FY 2006 and FY 2007 MAG Unified Planning Work Programs and Annual Budgets to allow the projects to proceed. In April 2006, the Regional Council approved the deferral of 18 projects, totaling \$11.2 million. Since that time, two additional

projects have been requested to be deferred. The deficit of funding at the beginning of the year has been increased due to two rescissions of federal funds. With the deferrals included, in this phase of the closeout process, approximately \$3.3 million is available for the interim closeout, plus a possible \$1 million in redistributed Obligation Authority. Approximately \$12.4 million in project requests have been received for the funds available. To utilize the available funds, on May 25, 2006, the TRC recommended nine projects, totaling \$3.2 million, plus an additional \$1.4 million in contingency projects if any further funds become available or if any projects unexpectedly drop out. The Transportation Review Committee recommended approving the interim closeout of Federal FY 2006.

5. Draft FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP)

Eileen O'Connell stated that as part of the Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP) process, Lead Agencies are required to update ALCP Project information at least once a year. While developing the Draft FY 2007 ALCP, participating Lead Agencies have submitted project information for all ALCP Projects following the process and deadlines that were set for the FY 2007-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), and the RTP 2006 Update. Ms. O'Connell noted that the ALCP meets with air quality conformity. Chair Beasley thanked Ms. O'Connell for her report and asked members if there were any questions. No questions from the Committee were noted.

Mr. Pettit moved to recommend approval of the Draft FY 2007 Arterial Life Cycle Program (ALCP). Mr. Cleveland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Election of Officers

Each June, the positions of Chair and Vice Chair are elected by the Management Committee.

Mr. Pettit moved to return the current Chair, Ed Beasley, and Vice Chair, Jan Dolan, for 2006-2007. Mr. Cleveland seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

7. Legislative Update

Matt Clark provided an update on legislative issues of interest. Mr. Clark stated that the Senate and House leadership have agreed on a budget and it is hoped that an agreement with the Governor will be reached in the next week or two.

Mr. Clark stated that the State Transportation Acceleration Needs (STAN) account of more than \$300 million, is included in the budget. The Maricopa County region will receive 60 percent of the fund, the Pima County area 16 percent, and the remainder of the state 24 percent. Mr. Clark noted that the funds are to be used to accelerate current highways and freeways, and does not include transit. The idea is to supplement, not supplant, existing funding.

Mr. Clark stated that funding for the travel reduction programs is included in the budget. He stated that there is a tentative agreement that HCR 2001 will pass. This would place a measure on the ballot that would allow cities to increase bonding capacity from six percent to 20 percent.

8. Comments from the Committee

An opportunity will be provided for Management Committee members to present a brief summary of current events. The Management Committee is not allowed to propose, discuss, deliberate or take action at the meeting on any matter in the summary, unless the specific matter is properly noticed for legal action.

Ms. Kraus commented that Dennis Smith had done an excellent job on his presentation to the group who attended the Transportation Summit, which was hosted by the Arizona Chamber of Commerce. Vice Chair Dolan requested that Mr. Smith provide an update on the Summit.

Mr. Smith stated that the MAG Region has an approved Regional Transportation Plan. He said the Arizona COG Directors recently met in Casa Grande to discuss growth statewide and what was needed to meet that growth. Mr. Smith stated that their discussion will continue at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference in Tucson in August. Mr. Smith stated that the Summit looked at accelerating freeway projects. He commented that he indicated to attendees that the MAG plan is a multimodal plan. Mr. Smith noted that a multimodal plan is needed to be successful. Mr. Smith said that Summit attendees discussed putting packages together.

Mr. Smith stated that the MAG region and the entire state have a serious commodity issue, especially cement. Mr. Smith noted that only 50 percent of cement needed is produced in Arizona and the rest must be imported. He informed the Committee that Portland Cement recently purchased 150 rail cars to bring product into Arizona, but the issue is that the railroad is not double-tracked. Mr. Smith noted that asphalt also comes into the State by freight, but the shipment of asphalt is not a priority for the railroads.

Mr. Smith stated that the RTP was heavily accelerated and bonded. Some bonding capacity is left, but there were \$121 million in cost increases. Even if additional funding is recommended, the existing commitments need to be met. Mr. Smith stated that MAG has supported acceleration, but in the future, it may be difficult to accomplish.

Mr. Smith stated that there are gateway route issues. He stated that Maricopa County generates 67 percent of the sales tax in the State. If there is an additional tax for statewide needs, it makes the assumption that Maricopa County will be the donor. Mr. Smith noted that if residents pay a tax, they want a return on their investment. He added that some cities are interested in multimodal transportation, not just highways. Mr. Smith commented that this issue will be discussed at a meeting of the Councils of Governments at the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Conference. Mr. Smith stated that the TPC said, "Build the Plan and Declare Victory." The first priority is to deliver the plan that was promised.

Vice Chair Dolan asked if it appeared that those at the Summit understood that priority. Mr. Smith stated that the trucking industry is interested in freeways. Some of the legislative leaders discussed reprioritizing the plan. Mr. Smith indicated that freeways are important, and carry approximately one-third of regional traffic, but arterial streets carry approximately two-thirds of the regional traffic. He remarked that BRT and HOV are critical to our objectives. Mr. Smith

noted that ridership in the transit mode has increased significantly. He noted that we need to meet the mobility challenge.

Mr. Smith noted that in 2002, Phoenix Mayor Skip Rimsza attempted to get the rest of the State interested in a statewide tax, but was unsuccessful. Congestion has worsened and has become a larger issue in Northern Arizona. He noted that Gore and Associates is experiencing problems traveling to Sky Harbor Airport because of the unreliability of I-17. He added that Gore employees in the past were able to travel the day of a flight, but now need to travel the day before in order to catch morning flights.

Mr. Smith stated that at the Summit, the House and Senate Transportation Chairs, Marty Shultz, Dave Berry, and Pinal County Supervisor Sandie Smith asked the question of governance because the growth is blending from Maricopa County into Pinal County. Mr. Smith stated that he replied that Apache Junction is already a MAG member, and those in the contiguous urbanized area can apply for MAG membership. Mr. Smith mentioned recent MAG studies that included the Pinal County area. Mr. Smith stated that we do not need more government, we need more leadership. This is a revenue problem, not a planning problem. Chair Beasley thanked Mr. Smith for his update on the Summit.

Mr. Johnson announced that First Lady, Laura Bush, will visit the youth of Guadalupe on June 16, 2006.

Mr. Pettit expressed appreciation to MAG, ADOT, and the City of Mesa for their efforts in the opening of 12 more miles on the Santan Freeway. He also commented on recent fire service issues.

Mr. Smith noted that the seventh Desert Peaks Awards will follow the June 28, 2006 Regional Council meeting. He announced that the MAG Regional Transportation Plan was awarded the National 2006 Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration Transportation Planning Excellence Award.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary